

## **2014 CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The Conservation Department processed twenty-nine (29) Notices of Intent, twenty two (22) Requests for Determinations, twelve (12) Small Projects, five (5) Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, sixty seven (67) Certificates of Compliance, one extension and seven (7) amendments/modifications for a total of 143 Permits, 39 more permits than were processed in 2013. In addition, numerous Emergency Certifications and Enforcement Orders were issued.
- The Open Space Plan is nearing completion. Stakeholders reviewed a draft plan and provided comments. Once mapping efforts are complete the plan will be ready for submission to the EOEEA for review.
- Open Space efforts included: a volunteer event to remove invasive species at Osgood Hill; a forest stewardship walk at Osgood Hill; trail marking at Windrush Farm; trail maintenance at Foster Farm, Bruin Hill, Mazurenko Farm and the Shawsheen River Trail by Friends of North Andover Trails (FONAT); conservation monitoring at Town Farm.
- The Conservation Department received a Community Forest Stewardship Implementation Grant in the amount of \$11,790 to conduct forest stewardship activities at Osgood Hill. Activities include invasive species removal, marking of and education about “legacy trees” on the property, marking and selective harvesting within a demonstration timber stand improvement area and associated outreach and education. All work associated with the grant must be completed by June 30, 2015.
- Significant Projects included: completion of permitting for the Riding Academy 40B with Conservation Restriction; ongoing construction of the Regency Place and Stanton Woods subdivisions; ongoing construction of 40B developments at Merrimack Condominiums and the near completion of construction of the Meadows (Oakridge Village/Maplewood Reserves); permitting for new digester containment at GLSD; completion of construction of Pentucket Bank in the Butcher Boy Plaza; new single family homes constructed on Great Pond Road; various town sewer and roadway projects; installation of a new parking lot and stormwater improvements at the North Andover Country Club; foundation restoration at the Parson Barnard Barn and construction of additional parking; installation of a dry hydrant at Windrush Farm; Eagle Scout projects approved including boardwalks at Weir Hill, Rolling Ridge, and Granville Lane as well as wood duck box installation at a private property on Foster Street; ongoing drainage work at Royal Crest.
- NPDES Public Education is ongoing and this year included installation of dog waste station at various open space properties in coordination with DPW; catch basin marking at the High School with the High School Environmental Club.